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Communist Party Organization in Arab Palestine

1. The Central Committee of the Communist Party in Arab Palestine formulates and transmits Party policy to leaders in various towns in the area, and also writes the Party's newspaper.
2. The leader of the CP in Arab Palestine is Fu'ad Nassar, who is called "Abu-Khalid." He receives instructions from Communist Parties in other countries, as well as all reports from his own Party units.
3. The members of the local committees are as follows:
 - a. Nablus Rashid Shahin, Secretary. Adil Zahir, assistant to Shahin. Khalid Zaghmuri and Nabil Hashim, members.
 - b. Tulkarm Sami Gadban, Secretary. Rafiq Asfar, assistant to Gadban.
 - c. Jenin Muhammad Musa Salim and Akram Jarrar, members.
4. A special Refugee Committee which has been established by the Party is headed by Fahmi Salfiti, who is assisted by Musa Kuwaytir and Radwan Hilu. The functions of this committee are to recruit members from among the Arab refugees and to distribute Party tracts among them. Source adds that the Refugee Committee recently sent a petition to the United Nations, directed particularly to the United States, Great Britain, and the Soviet Union, requesting that the 1947 Partition Plan be put into effect. Five thousand signatures were collected to this petition.

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Propaganda Activities in Arab Refugee Camps

5. Source states that there are increasing indications that the Communists now have members in all Arab refugee camps in the Middle East. The usual technique of having one strong man who, from all appearances, is not a Communist and who sometimes takes a position in opposition to that of open Communist agitators, is being employed to influence the thinking of the Arabs in the refugee camps.
6. Party propaganda tracts which have been distributed secretly at night, as well as conversations held by Communist members with groups of refugees, have revealed that the policy of the Party is to "accept partition and thus frustrate the conspiracy of Anglo-American imperialism to bleed the Palestinian people and bring calamities upon them." Source was told by an informant recently that the CP in Arab Palestine had been criticized by the Lebanese CP for not having emphasized sufficiently that the Soviet Union would liberate the refugees through its insistence on the implementation of the Partition Plan.
7. The same informant told source that a Soviet mission recently had come to Israel and had given the Israeli Communist Party instructions concerning the propaganda line to be taken with the Arabs. These instructions were for the Party to tell the people that, in the event Iraq and Iran joined forces to fight the Soviet Union, Arab Palestine would be left undefended and the Israelis then would take over that area; however, if the people would join the Communist Party, the Soviet Union would take care of them and see to it that they were returned to their homes in Israel.
8. An increasing number of Communist Party pamphlets are coming out of Israel to Gaza, source states.
9. Communist Party newspapers which are printed in Israel are distributed throughout Arab Palestine through the following communications points and local Party agents: At Jenin, through Akram Jarrar; at al-Sabla, through Khalil Hashim; and at Tulkarm, through Sami Gadban. Ben Korus (fmu), Jewish officer in the Israeli Army, assists CP members to infiltrate between Israel and Arab Palestine, according to one of source's informants.

Increased Recruitment in Haifa

10. The Communist Party in Haifa has been increasing its efforts to recruit new members. Source states that certain Party members of long standing have expressed surprise at the amount of money which is available for recruiting activities, and further states that some of the Haifa activity is caused by the presence there of Fu'ad Nassar, who was ordered by the CPI to "pep up" the local cells.

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